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ST. CLAIR, MISSOURI MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

ST. LOUIS, MO - Anthony Key pled guilty this morning to federal charges of possession of child pornography, United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway announced today.

The result of a search of his computers and computer files at Key's residence on June 8, 2005 revealed 29 graphic images of child under the age of twelve engaged in sexual explicit conduct. Keys admitted with his plea that the files belonged to him.

Key, 30, 1500 block of Commercial Avenue, St. Clair, Missouri pled guilty to one felony count of possession of child pornography. He appeared before United States District Judge Jean C. Hamilton. Key now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or fines up to \$250,000, followed by supervised release for life, when he is sentenced on March 2, 2007.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

Hanaway commended the work on the case by the Postal Inspection Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Assistant United States Attorney Matthew Schelp, who is handling the case for the U.S. Attorney's Office.

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